

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on March 12, 2007
at 9:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jim Keane, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 81, 3/7/2007; SB 116, 3/9/2007;
SB 339, 3/9/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 339

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:53 Sen. Terry Murphy (R), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 339, Revise laws governing annexation and expansion of municipalities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:43 Bill Tash, SD 36

00:09:02 Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commissioner and for Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

00:10:11 Ken Weber, Jefferson County Commission

00:12:20 Dave Mott, Ash Grove Cement Company

00:14:00 Tony Kloker, Superintendent, Montana City School

EXHIBIT (buh52a01)

00:16:25 Bruce Suenram, Montana City Rural Fire District

00:17:12 Mathew Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney

EXHIBIT (buh52a02)

00:19:44 Anita Varone, Past County Commissioner

00:21:05 Steve Netschert, Past City Commissioner

00:22:45 Greg Duncan

00:24:53 Ken Vivrette, Realtor

EXHIBIT (buh52a03)

00:25:48 Joe Calnan

EXHIBIT (buh52a04)

00:27:30 Doug Nulle

EXHIBIT (buh52a05)

00:30:19 Kris Minard

EXHIBIT (buh52a06)

00:30:35 Tom Lythgoe, Jefferson County Commissioner

00:30:47 Ed Hall

00:31:01 Bonnie Ramey, Jefferson County Clerk & Recorder

00:31:19 Harold Stepper, Jefferson County Planner

00:31:30 Marlyn Atkins

EXHIBIT (buh52a07)

00:31:44 Chuck Notbohm

Opponents' Testimony:

00:32:05 Dave Nielsen, Helena City Attorney

EXHIBIT (buh52a08)

00:42:50 Tim Burton, Helena City Manager

00:47:20 Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns

00:51:48 Ron Alles, Chief Administrative Officer, Lewis & Clark County

00:52:02 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners

00:52:11 Cathy Burwell, Helena Area Chamber of Commerce

00:52:21 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition
00:52:38 Jim Paulsen
00:52:58 Jani McCall, City of Billings

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:22 Rep. Reinhart
00:54:21 Sen. Murphy
00:55:24 Rep. Reinhart
00:55:29 Sonia Lea
00:55:42 Rep. Reinhart
00:55:49 Mr. Nielsen
00:57:46 Rep. Reinhart
00:57:56 Mr. Davis
00:58:58 Rep. Heinert
00:59:13 Mr. Nielsen
01:00:39 Rep. Heinert
01:01:10 Mr. Hanson
01:03:10 Rep. Keane
01:03:22 Mr. Hanson
01:04:25 Rep. Dutton
01:04:40 Mr. Weber
01:07:17 Rep. Mendenhall
01:07:31 Mr. Hanson
01:08:14 Rep. Mendenhall
01:10:21 Ms. Atkins
01:11:05 Rep. Mendenhall
01:15:14 Mr. Weber
01:18:43 Rep. Mendenhall
01:19:05 Mr. Calnan

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:24 Sen. Murphy

01:23:28 Break

HEARING ON SB 116

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:45:16 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 116, Security freeze authority for consumer credit reports.

EXHIBIT (buh52a09)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:51:04 Pam Bucy, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice
01:54:15 Rep. Shannon Augare, HD 16
01:55:24 Kelsen Young
[EXHIBIT \(buh52a10\)](#)
02:00:43 Al Ward, AARP Montana
[EXHIBIT \(buh52a11\)](#)
02:03:52 Janet Harper, Montana Credit Union Network
02:05:57 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance and for
Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association
02:06:31 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers' Association
02:09:58 Joe Mazurek, Consumers' Union
[EXHIBIT \(buh52a12\)](#)
02:11:35 Matt Leow, Montana Public Interest Group

Opponents' Testimony:

02:12:05 Eric Ellman, Consumer Data Industry Association
02:19:22 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
02:20:47 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:22:13 Rep. Furey
02:22:55 Ms. Bucy
02:23:36 Rep. Heinert
02:24:11 Sen. Brueggeman
02:25:12 Rep. Heinert
02:25:58 Mr. Ellman
02:26:47 Rep. Dutton
02:30:54 Sen. Brueggeman
02:31:28 Mr. Spencer
02:31:51 Rep. Keane
02:32:14 Sen. Brueggeman
02:32:48 Rep. Mendenhall
02:32:57 Ms. Bucy

Closing by Sponsor:

02:33:18 Sen. Brueggeman

HEARING ON SB 81

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:46:53 Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 81, Include licensed psychologists as statutory providers.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:49:58 Patrick Davis, Licensed Psychologist, Great Falls, Montana
02:52:25 Dr. Michael Butz, Licensed Psychologist, Billings, Montana
02:54:50 Sandra Micken, Licensed Psychologist, Dillon, Montana
02:55:08 Marty Wangen, Montana Psychological Association
02:55:27 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic
02:56:03 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals
02:56:34 John Flink, Association of Montana Health Care Providers
02:57:01 Beth Brenneman, Montana Advocacy Program

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:57:39 Sen. Schmidt

ADJOURNMENT

02:58:12 Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh52aad.pdf](#))